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SURCHARGED STAMPS.

By Dr. Legrand, *Secy of Societe Francaise de Timbrologie.*

Translated by M. R. Knight.

FOR some years the number of surcharged stamps has been considerably increasing. This fact has provoked many objections and protests from collectors. The Bavarian Philatelic Society, at Munich especially, has attracted attention by the ardour of its attacks, and, not content with protesting itself, it has appealed to all Philatelic Societies to unite their protestations to its own. It is under the following bills it has appealed to you:

1. The report upon the collecting of surcharged stamps prepared for the said society by M. Theodore Haas.

2. The printed circular appended to the said report and inviting societies, collectors and dealers to study and discuss the question, that all might unite in adopting energetic measures.

3. The lithograph circular renewing the appeal to adhere to the propositions.

These three circulars in German have been translated by M. Rodet, since our last meeting (in July). So we have been able to consider them, and the result of the reflections which they suggested to us, we now submit to you.

We recognize, first of all, that during the first few years, a very great quantity of surcharges has been given to collectors. All have not the same object; it is important then to separate them into several classes.

We pass over those which form, in some sort, the complement of the stamp. Thus our colleague, M. Marco del Pont, has shown us that in Mexico, up to 1884, all the stamps have one or two surcharges, the name of town and the date variously marked. It is an exception, a mistake, if one is found without the surcharge. The surcharge does not affect the value of the stamp.

At certain periods, in the United States as in Peru, we find a *grille gaufree*, which forms a sort of control; in Salvador, the surcharge *contra sello;* in Porto Rico a paraphe; quite recently in Servia, a sort of monogram on the fiscal stamps seems intended to complete them; this surcharge does not change the value or the use. It is those which modify one of these that form the motive of the protest, and the subject of this essay. Let us enumerate the principal groups.

First group, The surcharge has its object to create a new value in accordance with a change in the postal tariff. Thus in Italy, in 1865, the 15 centesimi is transformed into 20 centesimi.

In a *second group*, they have made use of the only plate existing in a country to *print the stamps in as many colours as the values required*; they cancel the original value and add the new one by surcharge. St. Helena furnishes an example.

In a *third group*, a change in the currency has compelled the authorities, until new stamps can be procured and in order to conform to the law, to apply surcharges to the stamps at hand, often of equivalent value. This was done in Mauritius in 1878. But as the stamps of the same series are not in equal demand, it is easy to understand that those, the stock of which is the largest, may have furnished material for the surcharge of several values.

It is also to these stamps of a slower sale that recourse has been had in a *fourth case*, when the negligence of certain administrations, accidents of the sea or other reasons have caused the absence of certain values of a more frequent use. Witness the Philippines and several French colonies.

In all these cases the surcharge that appears upon the values has important reasons, and to protest against a legitimate use is like fighting wind mills. It will be remarked, moreover, that in most of these cases the new value is less than the original value, and, if there be a loss, it is to the administration which gives, for example, stamps of 25 centimes, made by surcharging stamps of one franc, and stamps of 5 centimes surcharged upon 40 centimes. The rule, however, is not always absolute and besides—but we must not anticipate.

In a *fifth case*, the surcharge is not upon the values, but upon the *name of the country*. Certain countries unprovided with stamps, borrow a series of them from a neighbouring country and adopt them to their own use by surcharging the name or a special sign. Such are the first two stamps of Montserrat, 1 and 6 pence where the name is surcharged upon the stamps of Antigua of the same value, and the first stamps of Straits Settlements, formed by the application of the *royal crown* and the *value* to the stamps of India. Often to apply the name serves only to prevent the use of the stamp in a country which makes use of the same stamps without the surcharge, and so makes easier the *rendering of accounts and inspection of the service*. Witness the stamps of Mysore, Jeypore, Johore, Sungei Ujong, etc. At the Madeiras, the Azores, etc., they wish to prevent loss to the treasury caused by the *difference of value of the moneys due in settling up*. What blame is there? No change is made in the value, at least to the natives, if it does make some difference to collectors.

Spain and its possessions beyond the sea, have made us familiar with a *sixth sort* of surcharge. The HABILITADO POR LA NACION printed on the stamps with Queen Isabella's portrait in 1868 and 1869, permitted the use of them *till new ones could be prepared*.

A *seventh surcharge* serves to *change the use* of the stamps. The application of the word REVENUE or of a special surcharge, indicates the trans-

formation of postage stamps into revenue or official stamps (OFFICIAL, S. P. or On H. M. S.) In the same way the HABILITADO PARA CORREOS in use in the Philippines, permits the postal use under a new value of stamps in stock, originally intended for another service.

Such are the principal groups in which one may arrange all the surcharges. Can it be said that in the considerable number of those known, there are not many forgeries? It is my opinion there are, but all these species have been legitimately employed by the authorities. A collector should place them then in his collection. By the side of the stamps engraved by the first artists of Europe and America, must we welcome the ridiculous portrait of Napolean by the Sergeant Triquetra or the no less grotesque production of the celebrated Lapirot, the comic engraver of Mauritius? Why must we? Because the stamp is authentic.

It is not the first time an analogous fact has brought trouble into the ranks of collectors. Our older colleagues will acknowledge it with me.

In the beginning of Philately, there appeared a very great multitude of false stamps. Unscrupulous men did not wish to understand the profit which they could obtain from the stamp business, and this profit should, it seemed to them, be so much the greater, the greater the difference between the cost and selling price of the stamps. Evidently forged stamps ought to give a large profit. Hence the *forged stamps*. Happily, honest dealers importing the unused stamps from countries issuing them, and collectors by studying them methodically, by making known the various modes of print and perforation, the watermarks and sorts of paper, and by describing the varieties based upon the peculiarities, have enabled their fellow-philatelists to recognize the fraudulent stamps and have reduced the forgers to hiding their packets among the wares of tobacco dealers. The forged stamps were not enough, but they had recourse to the stamps of *Private offices*. The stamps of the Hammer office at Hamburg, seems to have really existed. Following these came the already doubtful ones of Scherenbeck, then those of Krantz, of Lafrenz, of Van Diemen. A journal piously chronicled all these as they appeared; but soon pays the price of its noble zeal, gets angry and denounces them justly as nothing but mere trumpery. In spite of the service rendered to amateurs, how many small collections are complete only in these stamps of Hamburg. And those of Norway and other countries, how many have been offered to collectors? If the great majority has been rejected, that does not prevent one's welcoming the genuine when he finds it and opening his collection to the local offices of Russia.

Later *essays* have been abused. Sometimes they were the stamps submitted to the government; sometimes the product of competition, essays of the engraver, essays of colour, proofs of impressions, etc. What must we ask for? A proof of authenticity, and when it has been obtained, the collector is always happy to open his collection to a proof of Barro, Monquet, Delarue, or the American Bank Note Co.

And *reprints*, have not they been abused? Besides the official reprints of the stamps of Prussia, France, the United States, and other countries,

have we not met with those in Columbia and the Argentine Republic, which are still the subject of lively discussions?

From all this we must conclude that to be received, a surcharge must be authentic. We must then search for proofs, let us endeavour to make a summary of them.

(To be continued.)

SOME PHILATELIC TRIFLES.

THE young collector who reads in his stamp catalogue under the head of Gibraltar—"Bermuda stamps surcharged 'Gibraltar',"—very naturally supposes that a portion of the surplus stock of Bermuda had this surcharge applied to meet an emergency at Gibraltar. But on examining the colors of the surcharged stamps, he will find that the ½d., 2d. and 1 sh. differ in this respect from the same values of the Bermudas. He is therefore forced to conclude—quite correctly, too—that these stamps, prior to their being surcharged, were never in use, nor intended for use, in Bermuda. They were printed from the Bermuda plates, but in colors especially intended for Gibraltar, and which would correspond with those of a new issue for that community, the plates of which were then in course of preparation.

The only satisfactory explanation I have ever seen of the word "Escuelas," which is found on many of the stamps of Venezuela, is that given by a Venezuelan correspondent of the *Philatelic Record*, writing in 1880, who says: "The word Escuelas really means school, because the produce of the stamps is in favor of the public schools." This was written with reference to a series of stamps first issued in 1879, which were for postal use within the limits of Venezuela, the proceeds of which, as indicated above, were to be applied to the support of public schools." "Escuelas" has been vaguely defined by different philatelic writers as signifying that the stamps were for interior postage, or for fiscal use, without stating the precise purpose of their issue.

We all know that finely engraved set of Mexico, 1864, head of Hidalgo, which, during the last four or five years, has been gradually dropping in price from about six dollars to fifty cents the set, and there are indications that they will be offered for still less before long. These are usually catalogued as preceding the eagle series issued in the same year, but I have never seen any reason for this arrangement as to priority of issue. It was only in April of the year 1864, that the Imperial (or French) government which then was in possession of the capital and nearly the whole of the country, issued a decree annulling all previous postal issues, and announcing the issue of the crowned eagle series, which took place early in May following. While the authority of the Empire was pretty generally acknowledged, the Republican government still held control in certain localities, among which was Saltillo and it was from this place the head of Hidalgo were issued. If the Saltillo stamps were issued because of the Imperial decree of April annulling stamps of the Republic, or if they were intended to limit, as far as possible, the use of the Imperial stamps, it

is fair to assume that they appeared after the eagle series. At all events but few were ever issued, and I have never known a cancelled specimen to be offered for sale. For more than twenty years it was never suspected that the Saltillo set comprised more than four values—one, two and four reals, and one peso—but some time in 1886 the leading stamp journal of England informed its readers that "We have lately seen the 1 real, red, of 1864 (Mexico) surcharged vertically on the left side of the stamp with 'Saltillo' in black, and with the additional surcharge of '½' also in black. This latter surcharge is applied on each stamp of the sheet, consisting of ten rows of ten, by a hand stamp. That the stamps are genuine we have no doubt."

The credulity of some of these eminent philatelists is amazing. That the *stamps* were genuine, there is perhaps no question. They are plenty enough, and there is no need for counterfeiting them. But what evidence has this astute editor that the *surcharge* had been applied by the proper official? If the surcharging of "½" was done officially, it must have been because of a demand for such a value and they would consequently have been used, if any of the series were used at all, and thus be brought to notice. Yet for nearly a quarter of a century its existence was unknown. Perhaps the surcharged sheets were at the bottom of the pile of remainders, and thus escaped discovery so long. The more probable theory, however, is that this surcharge is of modern origin and was designed to impart additional interest and value to a portion of the 1 real stamps of which there seems to be a superabundance.

These surcharged stamps are quite cheap too, and there must be a great many of them, though they come a little higher than the 1 real without the surcharge. They seem to be in the possession of only a few of the leading dealers of this country and Europe. A week or two since I received a number of sets of these series on approbation, from a dealer in the city of Mexico, but there were no ½ real stamps among them, nor did the sender make any reference to such a value. This would incline one to the view that they were at least not common, if known at all, in that country.

E. E. K.

COMMENTS ON THE SPLIT STAMPS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

Editor Halifax Philatelist:

HAVING examined your plate of Nova Scotia split stamps and oddities. I would like to mention a few notes on the split or Provincial stamps of New Brunswick. In the catalogue list of the Nova Scotia Philatelic Association, I find that there are but two of these split or provisional stamps offered, both Nova Scotia 6 pence, cut diagonally and used on 3d., and not one split New Brunswick.

To all appearances, and from what I can learn, I think there were very few of these provisional stamps of New Brunswick used, and therefore they are very rare. I have never seen but three or four on the original envelopes and have but two in my collection, a 10 cent vermillion New Brunswick cut in half vertically and used as a 5 cent stamp. It is on the original envelope and is post marked St. John, Nov. 5, 1860, and Kingston, Nov. 6,

1860. I have also heard of the 10 cent vermillion being cut *diagonally* instead of vertically, but have not seen any so used

As the second issue of New Brunswick first came into use in 1860, I presume the supply of 5 cent stamps ran short and thus suggested the splitting of the 10 cent vermillion stamps.

I have also heard of the 6d. stamps being cut both diagonally and horizontally and used as 3d., but have not seen but one so used.

Can any of my brother collectors tell what rate was charged for single or double letters to Australia in 1860. On the 9th of this month, I received from New Brunswick, an envelope which had been sent out to Melbourne, Australia, in 1860. It was mailed at Kingston, N. B., in May, 1860, and went via London. On the envelope, which is yellow, are a 1 shilling violet and one half of a 6d. yellow, cut in half diagonally, and presumably used as 3d., making a total of 15d., quite a high rate for a single letter, as such I presume it to be. The 6d. stamp is very bright but the 1 shilling is somewhat faded.

I would like to know if any of the readers of the HALIFAX PHILATELIST have ever seen any of the high values thus combined, as I think they are very rare and should occupy a prominent place in the representation of New Brunswick stamps in all collections. FRED NORTHRUP,

Port Jervis, N. Y.

[The split stamps of New Brunswick are no doubt scarce, but they are not more so than any of the other B. N. A. Provinces. Canada seems to be the only one which did not do this, as split stamps from there are very scarce.—The rate on a ½ ounce letter from Nova Scotia to Victoria was 1/3, and we presume it was the same from New Brunswick.—ED.]

Quebec, 30th March, 1889.

To the Editor "Halifax Philatelist":

DEAR SIR,—In looking over *Le Courier de Timbrophile* of February, '89, I find Mr. J. B. Moens advertises for sale *reprints* of the Canada Law Stamps surcharged CF, LS, and FF. Will some of the readers of your journal kindly answer the following questions:

1st. Were the Canada Law Stamps surcharged LC, CF, LS and FF, engraved by the American Bank Note Co., of New York?

2nd. When were reprints of the above first issued?

3rd. By whom were they reprinted and by what authority?

4th. To whom are the reprints sold?

An answer to the above will oblige, yours truly,

ERNEST F. WURTELE.

OUR readers should not forget to send in their bids in time for the auction sale, which will be held on the evening of the 29th April. Catalogues in last month, will be sent on application to this paper.

WE have to thank Mr. Bogert for a copy of what has long been desired a good post card catalogue. It is put up in good shape and we have only to say it resembles in all respects his paper, which will be praise enough for its typographical appearance.

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CHRONICLE.

Austria.—The *Ph. R.* notes 20 paras on 5 soldi, 1 pi. on 10 s., 2 pi. on 20 s., 3 pi. on 50 s.

Bavaria.—The unpaid letter stamp 10 pf. is perf. 14½.

Brazil.—There is an 80 reis letter card, pink on white.

British Bechuanaland.—The present abominable system of surcharging affords an ample field for collectors of varieties dependent on the vagaries of the operator. Amongst the stamps which have gone through the process, and afforded collectors the oportunity of adorning their pages with a considerable number of what we hope they are happy with, those of the Cape of Good Hope are somewhat conspicuous. If Griqualand had only continued to this day, what a lovely collection of G's there would have been! The mantle seems now to have fallen on British Bechuanaland, if we may judge from the erratic performances on the Cape of Good Hope halfpenny stamps referred to in our last number. We took a longitudinal strip of ten from the left margin of one of the sheets. The five upper ones, in addition to the horizontal surcharge as before described, are surcharged again with "Bechuanaland British" longitudinally, while the five lower stamps have no surcharge at all.

Adhesive.—½ penny, black, (Cape of Good Hope), varieties of surcharge in green.

Messrs. Whitfield, King and Co. inform us that there were only 700 copies of the threepence, "unappropriated die" surcharged with "One halfpenny," and that all were used in the post. Our description was certainly taken from an unused specimen, and it seems somewhat curious to have surcharged only *three* sheets.

Protectorate.—With the above surcharged halfpenny stamps of the Cape of Good Hope we receive the same surcharged in green, with "Bechuanaland" near the top of the figure, and "Protectorate" at the foot

Adhesive. ½ penny, black (Cape of Good Hope), surcharged in green. —*Ph Record.*

Bulgaria.—The 10 st. card has now the inscription in carmine.

Cape of Good Hope.—The new ½d. card is brown on white. The stamp is the same as that in the ½d. band.

Ceylon.—We have a 4c. surcharged in three line, "Postal Commission—Three Cents" in blue, and *Le T. P.* illustrates a 6c. card surcharged "5 CENTS" and heavy line across original value.

Congo.—We have received from Messrs. Whitfield, King and Co., the 5 francs, violet, with a surcharge of "COLIS POSTAUX—Fr 3.50," in a new type. It is now within double-lined frame, 15½ × 6 mm. At the same time we also receive a stamp of 25 centimes, of the same type as that of the 5 francs, printed in dull blue.

Further we have to chronicle two post cards. That of 15 centimes is exactly similar to the last issue, described in our number for May of last year; but the colour of the impression and of the card is changed, the inscription and the stamp and arms being also now of the same colour. The card of 10 centimes only differs from that of 15 centimes in the colour and upper inscriptions, which are *Etat independant du Congo*—CARTE POSTALE, in two lines, followed by "(Service de l'interieur et des pays limitrophes jusques et y compris Libreville au Nord et Mossamedes au Sud.)"

Adhesives. 25 centimes, dull blue on wove; perf. 15.
5 francs, violet; surch. in black
Post Cards. 10 centimes, black on white.
15 „ carmine on buff.

—*Ph Record.*

Curacao.—Stamps of 1 and 2c. and unpaid letter are expected.

Cyprus.—The registered letter envelopes are now made by De la Rue & Co.

Dutch Indies.—There are three varieties of surcharge on the 25c. envelope, "15"—"15 cent"—"15 cents." The latter is doubtful.

Egypt.—There is a slight change in the unpaid letter stamp. The inscription in the center are in an oval—2 m. green, 4 m. brown, 1 pi. blue, 2 pi. orange.

France.—The *Ph. R.* says the 25c. black on red, is now surcharged in red "1 Piast. 1."

French Colonies.—No wonder that collectors begin to cry out and hate the very sight of our heading. We have to chronicle a fresh lot of these abominations.

Gabon.—A contemporary publishes the following Degree, dated Libreville, December 28th, 1888:

"We, Lieutenant-Governor of Gabon, Officer of the Legion of Honour: Considering the loss from inevitable cause of two lots postage stamps despatched consecutively to this colony by the ships *Brave* and *Violette*, and the delay in the despatch of the new order sent imperatively to the

department by *cablogramme*"—what a wonderful word !—" on the 29th September last.

"Considering the impossibility of satisfying from the remaining stock on hand the demands for franking correspondence to France. to foreign parts, and the different posts of the interior.

"Considering that if franking in money is not admitted in international relations, the facility for adopting this measure cannot be denied by the administration, so far as relates to the franking of the internal correspondence. On the the proposition of the interim Minister of the Interior we have decreed and do decree as follows:

"1. Steps shall be taken by the Receiver of the Posts for the transformation of 4000 stamps of 0 fr. 05 cent. into stamps of 0 fr. 25 cent. by means of simple surcharge with hand stamp.

"2. Until the arrival of the stock of stamps ordered in the Metropolis the franking shall be made at the wicket of the Post Office in postage stamps for the the foreign correspondence and by the stamp P. D. for the internal correspondence.

"No sale of postage stamps shall be made except for the pupose of immediate franking."

This latter clause is as it should be, and collectors must therefore be content with obliterated specimens. We wish they would in all cases of surcharges, and it would be found that much fewer were necessary.

Adhesive. 25 c. on 5 c., green on pale green ; surcharge in black.

Guadeloupe.—Mr. Mackenzie has been good enough to send us specimens of the stamps, with the Decree ordering the surcharge, of which the following is a translation of all that is important:

"Decree transforming the stamps of 20 centimes into stamps of 3, 15, and 25 centimes.

"The governor of Guadeloupe and dependencies.

"Whereas the provision of postage stamps of 3, 15, and 25 cent. is completely exhausted ;

"Considering the large stock of stamps of 20c., the use of which is not common :

"Consdering the necessity of immediately supplying the wants of the public, and of the providing against any impediments in the despatch of correspondence ;

"On the proposition of the Director of the Interior, It is ordered:

"ART. 1. Until the receipt of the postage stamps of 3, 15, and 25 centimes, stamps of 20 centimes shall be delivered to the public at the prices of of 3, 15, and 25c. These stamps shall bear the vignettes below, printed in black by the Government Printing Office."

The other articles relate to the mode in which the operation is to be carried out under the surveillance of a commission.

Adhesives.

3 centimes on 20c., brick-red on green ; surch. in black.
15 " " " " "
25 " " " " "

Indo-China.—We have received from Messrs. Whitfield, King. and Co. a specimen of the 35 c., black on yellow, surcharged in black at the top INDO-CHINE, a large numeral of " 5 " over the primitive value, R in the left lower angle, and D in the right.

Adhesive. 5 centimes on 35 c., black on yellow ; surcharge in black.
—*Ph. Record.*

Gibraltar.—The registered envelope of De la Rue are in use.

Holkar.—The ½ a. stamp lately mentioned, resembles the first issue, but is smaller, and the Rajah wears a species of cap instead of the jewelled turban.

Jamaica.—We have the 1d. in a new design, somewhat similar to the new Sarawak, and inscribed " Jamaica Postage and Revenue "—printed in dull violet and the tablet containing value of a bright purple.

New South Wales.—There are official envelopes, 1d. violet, of 1888, " O. S." in angle, two sizes. Also for registry, 6d. violet of 1870, type, " O. S." in angles. The 8d. stamp has a " Lyre bird " and the 1sh. will have a kangaroo. The 4d. registry envelope now comes 227 × 101 mm. The new 2d. and 3d. cards, have a copy of the stamp issued in 1838, at the top in the center surrounded by the circular bands inscribed " Design of the first postage stamp," and " In commemoration of the fiftieth year of the issue of postage stamps in the colony "; above is " Jubilee stamp," and below " 1838—1888. The colors are 2d. blue and 3d. green, on thick white card.

Oudeypoor.—The foreign journals illustrate a stamp about 30 × 31 mm. with five lines of an inscription in a rectangular frame. It is printed in black on white and dated 1928.

Philippine I.—The 20c. " Derechos de Firma," brown, is surcharged 278 in carmine. Also the 200 mil. of 1880, green.—*L. J. P.*

Queensland.—The cards mentioned last month have the stamp at the right, head of Queen in oval, and arms at the left. In the center on a scroll, " Post Card " and " Queensland, Australia." 2d. blue and 3d. mauve, both on buff.

Rajpeepla.—There is a new stamp 25 × 30mm., with crescent in oval band, containing inscriptions, and the value in straight line below. One anna orange on white, perf. 11½, 32 varieties.

Roumania.—It is the 10b. unpaid letter stamp that is on yellow, and not the white as stated last month, The official list of stamps on colored paper is as follows:—Blue paper, 1½, 3, 5b.; yellow paper, 25, 50b., and unpaid letter stamps 5, 10, 30b. Buff paper 10, 15b. The other colors, before mentioned, are said to be fraudulent.

Salvador.—*P. J. of A.* chronicles a new 1c. green and 2c. red, that have been ordered in New York of same type as the 3c.

Sarawak.—In addition to the values reported, there is a 25c. green and red brown.

Switzerland.—The 20, 40, 50c. and 1 franc are perf. 10.

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RESIGNATION AND APPOINTMENT.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT, C. P. A.,
Halifax, April 1st, 1889.

Mr. T. J. McMinn, having transferred his residence from Toronto to New York, and as the nature of his business does not permit him to continue to perform the duties of Secretary of the C. P. A., he has forwarded his resignation of that office to me and I have with much regret felt compelled to accept it. For the short time that he has held that responsible position, he proved himself an able, efficient, painstaking and courteous officer, having the interests of the Association at heart and all the members will doubtless be sorry to lose him. I am pleased to announce that he will continue to be a member of the C. P. A.

Acting on the power given by the Constitution to the President, to fill vacancies that may occur in the offices of the Association, I do hereby appoint Mr. D. A. King, of Halifax, N. S., to succeed Mr. McMinn as Secretary.

HENRY HECHLER,
President C. P. A.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

151 EAST 45TH ST., NEW YORK,
31st March, 1889.

Gentlemen,—

The most important matter to which I desire to call your attention is the payment of the SEMI-ANNUAL DUES. A list of all who have not paid their dues for the first half of 1889 (correct up to this date) has been handed to the Chairman of the Executive Committee.

A number of *blank application forms* have been sent to each officer of the Association. A member wishing forms can obtain them from the officer living nearest to him, instead of sending to me for the same.

All matters pertaining to the Executive Committee, should be sent direct to the Chairman, Mr. J. R. Hooper, Ottawa.

You will please note the following changes of address:

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" 56.—H. R. Ledyard.
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" 29.—J. M. Sheridan.
" 133.—Jesse E. Harpel.

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186.—Foster W. Curry, Horton Landing, N. S.
187.—R. R. Bogert, Room 37, Tribune Building, New York.

LIST OF APPLICATIONS, No. 10.

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All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. J. MCMINN,
Secretary C. P. A.

SECRETARY'S CASH STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDING DEC. 31ST, 1888

1888.		CR.	
Mar. 31.	By Dues for Quarter	$ 23	25
June 30.	" " "	72	25
Sept. 30.	" " "	22	30
Dec. 31.	" " "	17	75
		$136	15

1888. DR.

	To postage	$ 31	61
	" printing	12	50
*May 10.	" Geo. A. Lowe's acct	16	01
July 6.	" Letter Book	1	25
Aug. 20.	" Badges	4	15
*Sept. 17.	" Geo. A. Lowe's acct	0	75
* " 28.	" H. F. Ketcheson's acct	1	00
Oct. 18.	" Rubber Stamps		60
*Nov. 27.	" Geo. A. Lowe's acct	1	00
	" Discount on American silver and stamps	1	42
	" Secretary's salary	18	00
	" Sundries	1	41
	" Cash sent Treasurer	41	45
		$131	15
	Balance on hand	5	00
		$136	15

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

1888. CR.

Mar. 31.	By Cash received from Sec'y	$ 5	00
June 30.	" " "	7	50
Sept. 30.	" " "	4	00
Dec. 31.	" " "	11	57
1889.			
Jan. 30	" " "	13	38
		$41	45

1888. DR.

Oct. 8.	To discount on Stamps	$	15
"	" E. Y. Parker for rent of hall	5	00
Dec. 17.	" H. F. Ketcheson for printing cards, &c	17	00
"	" Money order		10
1889.			
Jan. 30.	" "		10
		$22	35
	Balance on hand	19	10
		$41	45

* The ex-Sect. was asked about a month ago to send items of these accounts, but they have not yet been forwarded, neither have I received the receipts and bills of last year's business. If I understand, the motion passed at the convention that the Secretary's salary be increased to $25.00, was not to come in force till 1889. The report will show that the last two quarters of 1888 were drawn at the 1889 rate.

H. L. HART,
Treasurer.

EXCHANGE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

On 1st Feb'y, the accounts were all balanced, and statements sent to members. Some of them have paid in balance due Ex. Dept. promptly, and quite a number have not paid yet. Will those who are still owing, send at once to enable me to pay balances due members. Exchange Books are now being circulated freely. The sheets of stamps are examined by the Counterfeit Detector, before sending out. As we are not running this department in the interest of Scott's or any other firm of stamp dealers, the members are at liberty to mark their stamps as low as possible, stating the fact, if they wish, that they are marked at 25c to 50c. below Scott's or any other standard catalogue. From the 40 books circulated since Sept., '88 to 1st Feb'y, '89, about $600 worth of stamps were disposed of. This is a gain, and as new members are joining the Exchange, expect to attain to still larger figures by the time second annual Convention meets.

F. J. GRENNY,
Supt. of Exchange C. P. A.

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MEETING OF APRIL 8TH. 1889.

Meeting opened at 8.30 p. m. V. P. Larsen in Chair. Members present —Messrs. Larsen, Kaye, Hart, Smith, E. A., DeWolf, Larsen, O., Francis, Jubien. Curry, and King. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Mr. C. B. Nicolson of Windsor, was proposed as a member by F. C. Kaye, and elected. The Secretary gave in his resignation of office, on account of having been appointed to Secretaryship of C. P. A. Resignation accepted and a new Secretary to be elected at next meeting. The usual auction sale was then held, but on account of the poor attendance was not a success, and closed early. Meeting adjourned 10.30 p. m. Next meeting will be held on April 29th.

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